

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A terminal mounting method for mounting press-fit terminals (30) in a plurality of terminal insertion channels (41) parallel defined in an insulating housing (40), the method comprising:

 a first step for adjusting spaces between adjacent ones of the terminals (30) such that each of the terminals can enter one of the terminal insertion channels (41),

 a second step for holding a required number of the terminals (30) for the insulating housing (40), [[and]]

 a third step for inserting the terminals (30) all at once into the plurality of terminal insertion channels (41).

wherein the terminal (30) has a connection portion (31) that can move into a connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal (30) to a second press-fit terminal (30) disposed in a second insulating housing (40) when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit terminal, and

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the method comprises a further step for moving the connection portion (31) to connect the terminal received in the insulating housing to the second press-fit terminal received on the second insulating housing and for keeping the connection portion to isolate the terminal received in the insulating housing from the second press-fit terminal when the insulating housings are layered.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the terminals (30) are supplied as a jointed terminal assembly having the parallel press-fit terminals and joint portions (39) jointing adjacent ones of the terminals to each other, and

the method further comprises a fourth further step for removing at least one of the joint portions (39) to isolate associated adjacent ones of the terminals from each other before the terminals are received in the insulating housing.

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method set forth in claim 1, wherein the insulating housing (40) can receive the terminals (30) in predetermined ones of the plurality of terminal insertion channels (41), and

the method further comprises a [[sixth]] further step for adjusting spaces between the terminals (30) held in the second step to coincide with spaces between the predetermined terminal insertion channels (41).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A terminal mounting method for mounting press-fit terminals (30) in a plurality of terminal insertion channels (41) parallel defined in an insulating housing (40),

wherein the terminals are supplied as a jointed terminal assembly having the parallel press-fit terminals (30) and joint portions (39) jointed adjacent ones of the terminals to each other, and the terminal has a connection portion (31) that can move into a connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal to a second press-fit terminal (30) received in a second insulating housing (40) when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit terminal,

the insulating housing (40) being able to receive the terminals (30) in predetermined ones of the plurality of terminal insertion channels (41),

the method comprising:

a step S1 for adjusting spaces between adjacent ones of the terminals (30) such that each of the terminals can enter one of the terminal insertion channels (41),

a step S2 for holding a required number of the terminals (30) for the insulating housing (40), and

a step S3 for removing at least one of the joint portions (39) to isolate associated adjacent ones of the terminals from each other after the terminals [[has]] have been received in the insulating housing,

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a step S5 for moving a connection portion (31) to a connection state and an isolation state, the connection state connecting the terminal to a second press-fit terminal received in a second insulating housing when the insulating housing having the terminal is layered on the second insulating housing, the isolation state isolating the terminal from the second press-fit terminal,

a step S7 for adjusting spaces between the terminals (30) held in the second step to coincide with spaces between the predetermined terminal insertion channels (41), and

a step S8 for inserting the terminals (30) all at once into a plurality of terminal insertion channels (41).